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We consider negotiating positions enumerated by you in reftel and very useful giving them urgent consideration. Initial position (A) appears satisfactory from our point of view. Re positions (B) and (C), Department exploring with other Government agencies possibility continuing $4 million payment for duration Base Agreement [illegible] and trying find source for funds. It by no means certain at this stage that $4 million payment can be continued. Department will inform you when decision reached this matter. An increase in payment after 1960, if approved, will be conditioned upon continuation US base agreement. Re positions (D) and (E), Department can give no encouragement re possible availability $9.5 million mentioned your reftel and you should therefore not consider this possibility in your negotiations with Libyans at this stage. However, as mentioned last substantive para your reftel under position (E), Department anticipates continuation regular aid program for

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program for Libya, amount to be determined annually according to availability funds and other considerations.

Department studying text draft note referred Benghazi 304 and will give you views soonest. Since note sets forth in strong terms your position(A) and since it will lead into discussions annual payments after 1960, you may wish consider delaying its delivery until you have Washington definite reply re your negotiating positions (B) and (C), which will probably take some time formulate. If you do not consider delaying delivery necessary or feasible, please inform.

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